

REGIONAL WATER PLANNING GROUP — AREA B

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, January 6, 2010

The Regional Water Planning Group – Area B met together on Wednesday, January 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of Red River Authority of Texas, 3000 Hammon Road, Wichita Falls, Texas, with the following members and guests present:

RWPG Members:

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman, Red River Authority of Texas,
Wichita Falls
Mr. Wilson Scaling, Vice Chairman, Henrietta
Mr. Dean Myers, Secretary, Bowie Industries, Inc., Bowie
Ms. Tamela Armstrong, Alliance Power Company, Wichita Falls
Mr. Jimmy Banks, Wichita County Water Improvement District # 2,
Wichita Falls
Judge Charlie Bell, Foard County, Crowell
Mr. Ed Garnett, Vernon
Mr. Dale Hughes, W.T. Waggoner Estate, Vernon
Judge Kenneth Liggett, Henrietta
Mr. Mike McGuire, Rolling Plains Ground Water Conservation
District, Munday
Mr. Kenneth Patton, AEP Region 7 Engineering, Abilene
Mr. Russell Schreiber, City of Wichita Falls
Dr. Pamela Stephens, Ph.D., Midwestern State University, Wichita
Falls

Advisory:

Mr. Bob Armstrong, Texas Department of Agriculture, Vernon
Ms. Winona Henry, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,
Abilene
Mr. Mark Howell, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Wichita Falls
Mr. Cliff Moore, Texas Commission on Environmental Quality,
Abilene
Ms. Virginia Sabia, Texas Water Development Board, Austin.

Registered Guest:

Mr. Robert Adams, Alan Plummer Associates, Inc., Austin
Mr. Jack Campsey, Gateway Groundwater Conservations District
Ms. Stacey Green, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Ms. Simone Kiel, Freese and Nichols, Inc., Fort Worth
Mr. Kerry Maroney, Biggs and Matthews, Inc., Wichita Falls
Mr. Kyle Miller, Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2,
Wichita Falls
Ms. Danna K. Prichard, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls
Mr. Gary Burke, United States Geological Survey
Ms. Jerrie Sowards, State Representative David Farabee's Office,
Wichita Falls
Mr. Henry C. Wied, Red River Authority of Texas, Wichita Falls

Item One: Public Meeting Call to Order, Roll Call and Introductions

Mr. Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman of the Regional Water Planning Group-Area B, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Judge Kenneth Liggett gave the invocation. Following roll call, Mr. Campbell noted the following absences: Mr. (J.K.) Rooter Brite, Mr. Tom Stephens, Mr. Robert Kincaid, Mr. Jerry Payne, and Mr. Jeff Watts. Introductions followed.

Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group Area-B, Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees

Mr. Campbell announced that the Bylaws required an election for the officers of the Region-B Planning Group at the first meeting of each calendar year. He then proceeded to open the floor to nominations of the following positions:

Currently Serving: Chairman ~ Curtis W. Campbell
Vice Chairman ~ Wilson Scaling
Secretary ~ Dean Myers

Mr. Ed Garnett offered a motion to maintain Mr. Curtis Campbell as the current Chairman and Judge Kenneth Liggett seconded the motion. There were no additional comments and the motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Mr. Campbell presented the position of Vice Chairman to the members and Mr. Jimmy Banks made a motion to retain Mr. Wilson Scaling as Vice Chairman. Judge Charlie Bell seconded the motion and the motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

The election progressed to the position of Secretary, and Judge Kenneth Liggett motioned to nominate Mr. Dean Myers to continue serving as Secretary for the Region-B Group and Judge Charlie Bell seconded the motion. The motion passed with a vote of **13 for** and **0 Against**.

Mr. Campbell explained that the Bylaws required the Officers to serve on the Executive Committee. He added that at the present time there are two members serving in an At Large position, and reminded the group that the committee could carry more than two At Large positions. Mr. Campbell then solicited for nominations:

Currently Serving: Chairman ~ Curtis W. Campbell
Vice Chairman ~ Wilson Scaling
Secretary ~ Dean Myers
At Large ~ Jimmy Banks
At Large ~ Kenneth Liggett

Mr. Wilson Scaling submitted a motion to keep the current Executive Committee officers and members and Mr. Mike McGuire seconded the motion, and the motion passed with a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Two: Election of Officers for Regional Water Planning Group Area-B, Pursuant to Article VIII, Section 2(b) of the Bylaws and Consider Various Appointments to Committees (continued)

The meeting proceeded to the election for the Technical Advisory Committee and Mr. Campbell listed the members who are currently serving and noted to the group that the Officers were not required to serve on this committee.

Currently Serving: Chairman ~ Curtis W. Campbell
Vice Chairman ~ Wilson Scaling
At Large ~ J. K. (Rooter) Brite
At Large ~ Mike McGuire
At Large ~ Russell Schreiber

Judge Kenneth Liggett made a motion to reelect the members currently serving on the Technical Advisory Committee, and Mr. Ed Garnett seconded the motion. Without further discussion the motion passed by a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Mr. Campbell concluded the discussion on elections with addressing the current members serving as Regional Liaisons:

Currently Serving: Region A ~ Robert Kincaid
Region C ~ Curtis Campbell
Region D ~ Curtis Campbell
Region G ~ Mike McGuire
Region O ~ Mike McGuire

He stated that the Regional Liaisons are appointed by the Chairman and he inquired if any of the members would like to volunteer to serve on this committee. With no response to the inquiry, Mr. Campbell reappointed the members that are currently serving as Regional Liaisons. With no further comments, the meeting proceeded to item three on the Agenda.

Item Three: Review and Approval of Minutes of November 4, 2009 Meeting

After review of the minutes, Mr. Ed Garnett made a motion to approve them as written. His motion was seconded by Mr. Jimmy Banks. With no discussion or comments, the motion passed by a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Four: Review and Discussion of Chapter 4

Mr. Kerry Maroney explained to the members that the copy of Chapter 4, which was mailed to them prior to today's meeting, has had several changes and updates made to it. Therefore, a revised copy was distributed today at the meeting for review. He confirmed that the consultants will have a completed *Draft 2011 Initially Prepared Plan* (IPP) mailed to the Region-B members by February 15, 2010 and a meeting date of February 24, 2010 has been set to review and approve the Plan.

Item Four: Review and Discussion of Chapter 4 (continued)

Mr. Maroney asked Ms. Simone Kiel to discuss the Supply and Demand Comparison portion of Chapter 4 with the group. She clarified that surface water supplies, both municipal and manufacturing, in the Region-B area are evaluated on safe supply, which is defined as having sufficient supply during a drought of record with at least one (1) year supply remaining in storage. She referred to the chart that was distributed with Chapter 4 representing shortages over the next 50 year period. She denoted that shortages begin to appear in the year 2020 and most are irrigation but also include steam electric, municipal and mining. Ms. Kiel went on to explain that the Lake Kemp/Lake Diversion system was further evaluated. She also stated that updated data did identify new safe supply needs for Lakeside City, Iowa Park, the City of Bowie and the City of Wichita Falls. She also noted that the needs of eight water user groups that cannot be met by existing infrastructure are associated with reduced supplies in the Lake Kemp/Lake Diversion system. Without further discussion, Ms. Kiel turned the review over to Mr. Kerry Maroney.

Mr. Maroney proceeded to give a brief county by county synopsis from Chapter 4 listing the water user, the need, the strategy and estimated capital and annual cost. Mr. Mark Howell inquired about the impact to land owners if the water levels at Lake Kemp were to be increased. Ms. Kiel explained that there have not been any studies performed yet as to the total impact, and that the Army Corp. of Engineers would have to approve the raising of water levels in Lake Kemp. She included that the water elevation changes would offset the sedimentation rates, so the lake would not be storing any additional water. There was further discussion between the group about the proposed level increase at Lake Kemp and Mr. Maroney reiterated that the enclosing of canals and the Lake Kemp project were two of the primary strategies for meeting Region B's needs. Mr. Maroney continued with his review and Mr. Howell questioned how the alternate strategy of Wastewater Reuse in Wichita County would affect the flow of the Wichita River. Mr. Maroney noted that studies show the flow change would be moderate. During the review of Wilbarger County, Mr. Ed Garnett pointed out to the consultants that Vernon was supplying water to additional water user groups (WUG'S) that were not reflected in Chapter 4, and Mr. Campbell suggested they contact Mr. Bob Cochran with the City of Vernon for more information.

Mr. Maroney concluded his review of Chapter 4 and requested that the members review the material presented and submit any questions or comments concerning the strategies outlined to meet the needs of the 17 WUG's that were discussed.

Item Five: Review and Discussion of Chapter 5

Mr. Robert Adams was introduced to discuss Chapter 5. He mentioned to the members that the *Draft 2011 Initially Prepared Plan* which they would receive in February would contain Attachment 4-4, the Executive Summary for the *Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 Water Conservation Implementation Plan*, which was not included in today's handouts. Mr. Adams then referred to Page 5-7, starting with Section 5.2.6 where he pointed out updated information about total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations being affected by water conservation. He then mentioned that the construction of Lake Ringgold had been added to Section 5.3 as a strategy and was also discussed on Page 5-11 Section 5.3.7. His final noted change was the reduction of Section 5.4 due to needs being met in the Vernon area.

Item Five: Review and Discussion of Chapter 5 (continued)

Before moving on to Chapter 6, Mr. Adams asked if there were any questions or comments. Ms. Virginia Sabia, the newly appointed Texas Water Development Board (TWDB) Project Manager for Region-B, questioned the verbiage in Section 5.3.1 concerning Lake Kemp. Ms. Simone Kiel acknowledged the description “increase in the total storage capacity” needed to be refined.

Item Six: Review and Discussion of Chapter 6

Mr. Adams directed the members to Page 6-4 in Chapter 6 and noted that study results from the *Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 2 Water Conservation Implementation Plan* had been inserted. He then moved to Pages 6-7 through 6-9 and informed the group that the numbers used for “drought stage triggers” will be confirmed and updated if necessary. The final update discussed in Chapter 6 was Table 6-2 on Page 6-10. Mr. Adams explained that the table was modified to be consistent with Chapter 4. With no questions or comments presented, the review progressed to Item Seven.

Item Seven: Review and Discussion of Chapter 7

Mr. Adams referred to Pages 7-3 through 7-4, which highlights information on the construction of Lake Ringgold and the potential environmental impacts due to this construction. He then looked at the Regulatory Cross Reference Chart in Attachment 7-1 and remarked on the minor changes which had been made. The members suggested updating the information on Regulatory Citation (b)(13) to confirm their continued recommendation for the Lake Ringgold reservoir site. Mr. Russell Schreiber also questioned whether the figure of 32,800 acre-feet per year used to describe Lake Ringgold was a Firm or Safe Yield projection. The consultants assured the Region-B members that the information would be confirmed and any necessary updates would be incorporated in the Plan.

Item Eight: Review and Discussion of Chapter 8

Mr. Adams emphasized to the voting members the importance of reading Chapter 8, since it reflects the views and recommendations of the Area-B Regional Water Planning Group. He informed the group that some wording throughout the chapter had been changed to stay current with updated terminology. He then directed the discussion to Pages 8-8 and 8-11 concerning reservoir sites and the need to submit a request to the Legislature to maintain the Lake Ringgold Reservoir Site as a Unique Reservoir Site beyond the 2015 deadline set by the Legislature. Mr. Russell Schreiber confirmed that the City of Wichita Falls has made this reservoir a primary strategy for future needs. After a short discussion between the members concerning the Lake Ringgold reservoir site, Mr. Adams concluded his discussion on Chapter 8 by stating that he had continued to use the term “voluntary water conservation” in Section 8.4.3 to express the group’s views, as opposed to supporting the establishment of statewide standards.

Mr. Robert Adams opened the floor to questions and comments, and Mr. Mike McGuire commented on Section 8.3.1 pertaining to Unique Stream Segments and his desire for the Region-B Group to continue to pursue clarification from the Legislature regarding the outcome of designating these segments as such. Mr. Campbell took this opportunity to once again encourage the members to submit any legislative recommendations that they felt needed to be included in the updated plan.

Item Nine: Update from the Texas Water Development Board Project Manager

Mr. Curtis Campbell announced that Ms. Angela Masloff had resigned from her position as the Region B Project Manager with the TWDB and he introduced Ms. Virginia Sabia whom had taken over the position. Ms. Sabia reiterated the March 1, 2010 due date for the *Draft 2011 IPP*. She also reminded the members that a Public Hearing needed to be held shortly after the approval of the Plan at the February 24, 2010 meeting and a thirty day notification to the public was required prior to that meeting. With no further discussion, the meeting moved to the next agenda item.

Item Ten: Consider Acceptance of the RWPG-B Financial Statement

Mr. Campbell referenced the payment of \$16,789.20 received from the TWDB on December 23, 2009, which was the first reimbursement for Phase II of Round 3. He noted that a copy of the current financial statement had been mailed to Mr. Dennis Wilde with Nortex Regional Planning Commission and no comments had been received to date. Mr. Campbell announced that preparations would begin on the next payment reimbursement request towards the end of March 2010. With no further questions or comments, Mr. Campbell called for a motion to accept the RWPG-B Financial Statement. Mr. Mike McGuire made the motion, and Mr. Russell Schreiber seconded. The motion passed by a vote of **13 For** and **0 Against**.

Item Eleven: Public Input and Comments to the Planning Group


Mr. Curtis Campbell opened the floor to comments, and Mr. Kerry Maroney inquired if a preliminary date had been set for the Public Hearing Meeting. Mr. Campbell responded that the meeting would have to be held prior to May 15, 2010 in order to stay in compliance with the timeline provided by the TWDB. He stated he would like to have the meeting between April 15 and April 25, 2010. This should allow time for copies of the *Draft 2011 IPP* to be mailed in early March and be reviewed by the entities receiving them.

Item Twelve: Consider Date and Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

It was announced again by Mr. Campbell that each member should have an updated copy of the *Draft 2011 IPP* to review no later than February 15, 2010, and the next meeting would be held on February 24, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to approve this plan. He asked the members to please contact him if they are unable to attend on this date.

Item Thirteen: Adjourn

With no further discussion the meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.


Curtis W. Campbell, Chairman

Dean Myers, Secretary